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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN: AD HOLDS MASSIVE RALLY  
IN CARACAS.

1. ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 29 AD HELD A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN RALLY IN DOWNTOWN CARACAS, WHICH ATTRACTED, ACCORDING TO AD, OVER 300,000 PERSONS. THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, WHO GAVE A ROUSING ADDRESS MAINLY DEVOTED TO HIS PLANS FOR A BROADLY-BASED GOVERNMENT, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND AGRICULTURE. AMONG THE OTHER SPEAKERS WERE EX-PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT (WHO DREW A VERY ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION), PARTY PRESIDENT GONZALO BARRIOS, AND THE DAUGHTER OF THE DECEASED EX-PRESIDENT RAUL LEONI. THE RALLY TOOK PLACE IN A FRIENDLY CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE FEATURING, BESIDES THE SPEECHES, MUSIC, BANNERS, AND A FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

2. THIS RALLY, TOGETHER WITH A 15-MILE MARCH THROUGH CARACAS AND SURROUNDING AREAS PLANNED BY PEREZ FOR DECEMBER 5 OR 6, CULMINATES AD'S CAMPAIGN. COPEI PLANS TO STAGE A RALLY AT THE SAME SITE WHERE THE AD RALLY WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 5, AND THE MOVIMIENTO AL SOCIALISMO (MAS) AND THE MOVIMIENTO ELECTORAL DEL PUEBLO (MEP) ALSO PLAN LARGE DOWNTOWN GATHERINGS ON NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 4 RESPECTIVELY. BY A DIRECTIVE OF THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL, ALL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY MUST END ON MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 6.

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